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- The Military (Honvéd) College in Budapest is at XI. Nagyboldogasszony utja 27, in the buildings of a former numery. In this college are lodged those young men and women who intend to enter the Hungarian People's Army as physicians, veterinarians, engineers, etc., after termination of their university studies. These men and women are housed and provided for here at the expense of the People's Army; they get a salary and are put under military control and training. They stay at the college until the termination of their university studies, after which they will be assigned to the People's Army. The students volunteer for the college, after having been recommended by the Communist Party, and after having passed the final examination of the last grade of the gymnasium (baccalaureat). Age limit is 20 to 35 and the candidates must be of proletarian origin.
- The college staff is composed of the Commander, Major Zoltan Merai (about 40 years old, fanatical Communist); a Captain, deputy-commander; the political officer; three other officers; one supply officer (Wirtschaftsoffizier); kitchen personnel and orderlies (civilians). There are four companies, each having 70 to 80 students (one of the companies is composed of women); one staff platoon (20 men) performing guard duty.
- 3. The students wear the standard uniforms of the People's Army, shoulder boards on which there is a narrow gold lining, a button, and a "V" sign in gold cord.
- 4. Close-order drill is held in the courtyard of the former numnery in the morning and late afternoon. During the summer the students will serve in a troop training camp where they will receive combat training.
- 5. The women students study at the medical, veterinarian, and chemical faculties.

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- 6. The staff platoon supplies a barracks guard with three sentries per relief. The armament of the staff platoon consists of Soviet-model M.48 carbines and five Soviet submachine guns.
- 7. Total number of the students is about 300 persons (men and women).